



City News & Notes

- **Anniston Breaks Records with \$39+ Million of Investments in 2021!**
 - Anniston saw over \$39 million dollars of commercial and residential construction investments in 2021! This is a 73% increase in investments from 2020 and it is one of the highest investment totals in a single year in our city's history! These record investment numbers also correlated to strong business license totals for 2021. The City of Anniston issued 449 new business licenses in 2021, and of those 449 there were 248 licenses issued for business and ventures operating within the Anniston corporate city limits and its police jurisdiction (PJ). Our 2021 numbers represent a 61% increase in new business licenses from 2020, they are also the most new business licenses issued in a single year since 2019.
 - **Link to Press Release:** <https://bit.ly/33WznXB>
- **2022 Debris Pick-Up Schedule | Now Available!**
 - Citizens of Anniston, by following the link below you will find our new 2022 Brush and Debris Pick-Up Schedule. The calendar is colored by week according to the area of our city that the street department will be working through. The work map corresponds to the colored calendar as well. Please note: If your brush/debris was not picked up in the week our street dept. was scheduled to visit your area, please report the missed pickup on our website here: www.anniston.al.gov/work-order-request-online-portal.
 - **2022 Debris Pick-Up Map & Calendar:** <https://bit.ly/3FvBP4n>
- **Public Warming Station Extension Through 01/28/22**
 - The public warming station at the Carver Community Center (720 W. 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201) has been extended until Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 at 7:00 AM. For more information on the warming station, please contact the Carver Center at: 256-231-7630.
 - **More Info:** <https://bit.ly/3qojXUC>
- **Transit Alert | Multiple Railroad Crossing Closures | 01/24/22**
 - Citizens of Anniston, please be aware of several railroad crossings being closed for 1-2 days due to maintenance work being performed by Norfolk Southern Corp. The tentative start date for the work is January 24, 2022, those with questions may contact Andrea Janka, with Norfolk Southern, at: 419-615-9923.
 - **Link to Website:** <https://bit.ly/3GqJrWR>
- **World Changers | Home Repair Applications | Now Available!**
 - World Changers will be in Anniston from July 18th to July 23rd to perform home repairs! Applications may be picked up at Anniston City Hall (4309 McClellan Blvd, Anniston, AL 36206), or downloaded at this link: <https://bit.ly/3qeyQv>. All applications must be turned in at City Hall (4309 McClellan Blvd, Anniston, AL 36206) by Friday, February 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM! For Questions, please contact Melinda L. Fowles, with our Community Development Block Grant Department at 256-231-7623.
- **Anniston Changers | Home Repair Applications | Now Available Online!**
 - The Anniston Changers are proud to announce their 2nd Round of grant opportunities from the City of Anniston Fund. Grant applications focus on residential property repairs that correct a health or safety hazard and may be up to \$1,000! (**PLEASE NOTE:** This grant is not to be confused with the World Changers Home Repair grant, they are two different grants; thus, citizens have 2 opportunities for home repairs.)
 - **Link to Application:** <https://bit.ly/3flX7AU>
 - (*Note:* Scroll to the bottom and click "APPLY HERE." You will need to make an online account with the Community Foundation to apply.)
- **PARD Spring Sports Registration | Opens 01/17/22**
 - Get your little one signed up for our fun slate of Spring sports hosted by our Parks & Rec. Department! Registration will run from Jan. 17th until Feb. 28th! This year, we are offering the following youth sports: TOT Soccer, Youth Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Swim Team, Track & Field! For more information on any sport, please contact the City's Athletic Director, Darren Spruill, at: 256-820-3860 and/or dspruill@anniston.al.gov.



Events

- **Free Drive-Thru COVID Testing | 01/25/22**
 - **DETAILS:** Citizens of Anniston, there will be a free COVID-19 drive-thru test site on January 25th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The site will be right outside of the Department of Human Resources Building (DHR) in Anniston, citizens may get in line to be tested by entering through the intersection at: The Testing is free, thus no insurance is required in order to be tested. You may get tested with or without symptoms. This testing is open to anyone. The tests will be a nasal swab, and the ADPH staff will administer the swab. For more information, please contact the Calhoun County EMA at: 256-435-0540.
 - **WHEN:** Tuesday, January 25th, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** West 11th Street & Grove Street, Anniston, AL 36201
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3lnbfw7>
- **Carver Community Center Chili Cook-Off! | 01/29/22**
 - **DETAILS:** Are you the best cook in Calhoun County? Prove it by entering into Carver Community Center's Chili Cook-Off. To sample all the chili, the cost is \$2. To purchase a bowl of chili, the cost is \$5. If you would like to be a chili contestant please contact Carver Community Center at 256-231-7630 and ask for Recreation Leader Derwin Perry by Monday, January 24th. All contestants must meet at Carver Community Center on Thursday, January 27th at 6:00 PM for an informational meeting.
 - **WHEN:** Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Carver Community Center (720 W. 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201)
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3Angclz>
- **Ward 3 Town Hall with Councilwoman Smith | 01/27/22**
 - **DETAILS:** Join Vice-Mayor Ciara Smith as she takes citizens' questions at the South Highland Community Center on January 27th!
 - **WHEN:** January 27, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
 - **WHERE:** South Highland Community Center (229 Allen Ave, Anniston, AL 36207)
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3qvzTEQ>
- **Shamrockin' 5K Color Run & Walk | 03/19/22**
 - **DETAILS:** Join Main Street Anniston as we bring back the Shamrockin' 5K Color Run & Walk! Hosted in Historic Downtown Anniston, participants will make their way through color stations as they progress through the race. Whether you walk or run, we promise you will have a blast! First 50 registrations receive an event t-shirt and swag bag! For more information, please contact Karla Eden at: 256-371-3711. To register for the 5K, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/3KtHVG1>
 - **WHEN:** March 19, 2022 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Zinn Park (101 W 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201)
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3GQ2xGI>
- **2022 Noble Street Festival & Sunny King Criterium | 04/09/22**
 - **DETAILS:** The Noble Street Festival returns to Downtown Anniston on April 9, 2022 from 11 AM - 7 PM! Join us for live music, local cuisine, pro bike racing, KidZone, and other exciting attractions! Those interested in participating as a vendor may find applications at this link: <https://bit.ly/34WY3jf>
 - **WHEN:** April 9, 2022 | 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Noble Street, Anniston, AL 36201
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3qtXZzK>

For more information, please follow us online:

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/thecityofanniston

Youtube: <https://bit.ly/3nNonmd>